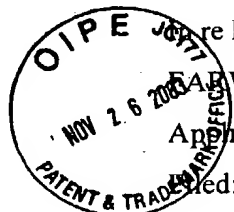


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This is in response to a final official action dated August 26, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.